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COMMENTS: Pursuant to my telephone conversation today with your Legal Instruments Examiner, **attached please find a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.** Please enter this Response into the record in order for the Amendment filed March 26, 2004 to be compliant with 37 CFR 1.121. Accordingly, applicants submit the subject pending application is now in condition for allowance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Respectfully.

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Serial No.: 09/527,352

Examiner: Afremova, V.

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Docket No.: 421/17/2

For: METHOD OF SCREENING CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR
SUSCEPTIBILITY TO BILIARY EXCRETION

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 7, 2004, having a term for Response that will expire on May 7, 2004. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.